Last week we celebrated our Senior Girls’ Soccer & Volleyball players (photo credit John Holloran, and Missy Smith).

NEWS FROM JORDAN ELLIOTT, HEAD OF UPPER SCHOOL

Even with the weather starting to turn, it is a vibrant time in the Upper School. Our fall sports teams are wrapping up their regular seasons. From the JV Boys' team that, in the words of a
freshman, “won some and lost some” to our number one in state Girls’ Soccer team, it has been a great season. I look forward to playoffs and state competitions!

While our student-athletes were hard at work, another team of students has been preparing the fall production of Medea. If rehearsals are any indication, it promises to be a lively and engaging show. I hope many of you can support the cast and crew by attending November 11-14 in the Great Hall.

Follow me on Twitter: @OESheadUS.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 6: 9th Grade PAL, 8:00 am, DVR
- November 9: 10th Grade PAL, 8:00 am, DVR
- November 10: Books & Breakfast, 8:00 am, Platt
- November 11: PCL, 8:00 am, DVR
- November 11-14: US Play - Medea, 7:00 pm, Great Hall
- November 12: LS Campaign Community Event, 8:00 am, Platt
  Auction 101, 8:45 am, DVR
- November 12-15: OES Book Fair @ Annie Bloom's Books
- November 16: 11th Grade PAL, 8:00 am, DVR
  Grad Party Committee, 9:30 am, DVR
  College Financial Aid Night, 7:00 pm, Great Hall
- November 17: LS Campaign Community Event, 6:30 pm, MS Commons
- November 20: US International Conferences, 3:30 pm
- November 23-27: NO SCHOOL - US Conferences & Thanksgiving Break

SCHOOL NOTES

(NEW) John Holloran Athletic Event Galleries
For more photos by John Holloran (Director of Studies / Upper School History Teacher), please visit his SmugMug account. Often we feature his photos in the Voice and this is a great way for you to see them all!

(NEW) Parent Driver Certification Class
Director of Facilities Jon von Behren has agreed to have 1 more class, if we get enough parents to sign up for it. The final class of this year will be on Tuesday, November 17th, 2015 @ 8:00 am in the Charlton room.

Please Sign-up using VolunteerSpot so that we can plan appropriately. Please Click on the link to signup - MS & US Driver Certification Class and go to Tuesday, November 17th, 2015.

In the Upper School, we use drivers for Mt Hood Climb Service Day, for the Debate Team, for the Ski Team, for team sports retreats in the summer, and we need drivers for dorm students for their 11th grade Literary Journalism project. Certification classes are only

Backyard Exchange
Spend a weekend in the dorms

PCL Minutes

After School Classes

Archived Newsletters:
- November 2
- October 15
- October 1
- September 15
- September 4

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offered in the fall. If you anticipate needing to drive for any of these US activities, please consider taking one of the fall classes.

Background checks are also required for drivers. ** If you would like to drive for Upper School you will need a DHS background check. If you don’t have one already, please contact Jean Verheggen in the US office. If you have any questions please feel free to email Ruchi Prakash.

(NEW) Dorm News
Greetings from the Dorms. We want to thank all of you who have offered homestays to many of our International students during the Thanksgiving Break. We greatly appreciate your generosity. We are still looking for a few more families to host students during this vacation time. If you are interested, please contact: Brad Hoffman, Head of House, at hoffmanb@oes.edu.

Cereal Thursdays
The OES Upper School will again be supporting The Community Transitional School (TCTS) for homeless children in NE Portland with a monthly cereal drive. Please bring a box or two of cereal to the US Office to be delivered to TCTS. And thanks in advance for your support.

Family Information in Parent Portal
When you have a new email address, phone number or other important contact information, what’s the best way to let the school know about this important change? The OES Parent Portal (parent.oes.edu) was specifically designed to help you communicate those changes to us. That includes emergency contacts you might wish to add or edit. To access this feature simply log in to the portal, go to the Family page and choose the item you wish to edit from the list of links on the left-hand side. Keeping these details up-to-date is the best way to make sure we have correct information to communicate with and assist our families.

Attendance REMINDER
Please remember to call or email in advance if your child is going to miss school or be late for any reason. Doing so will help us keep your child safe. Email USattend or call US Attendance Coordinator, Alison Nugent, at (503) 768-3169.

Recently, an email was sent to all US students about attendance expectations. We would like to repeat a few items:

- Please check-in with Alison, within the first 15 minutes, if you have your open block FIRST. (Unless you are a Senior).

  - Check-in and out with Alison if you will be off campus for ANY part of the day (doctor appointment, open block, etc). Your teachers will send you back to me if you do not check-in with me FIRST. (This applies to ALL GRADE levels!!)

- Parents need to call/email Alison if their student will missing all/part of the school day (late, sick, doctors appointment, etc.). If I do not hear from them, you will be
The Aussie’s are Coming!
Each year we have the opportunity to host 2-3 students from the Golburn Valley Grammar School (GVGS) in Australia; in turn, hosts have the opportunity to travel to visit GVGS during our summer vacation. This past summer, seniors Sarah Wong and Hannah Park visited GVGS.

We have 3 Australian students who will be visiting us this fall (one girl, 16 year-old Bridey, and two boys, 16 year-old Michael and 15 year-old Kelsey), from the weekend of November 7 thorough December 7. The visitors will take part in OES classes and after-school activities, and look forward to participating in American family life. Questions? Please contact Christina Meyerhoff, Director of Winterim and Off-campus Programming. Thank you!

Traffic & Parking This Year
The Lower School building project will have a significant impact on traffic and parking for the 2015-16 school year. Please be aware of the NEW morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up plans. While we have done our best to design traffic patterns to work as efficiently as possible this year, there is no doubt that campus traffic and parking will be more crowded.

Honeywell Instant Alert
As Winter fast approaches it is important to be ready for what nature throws our way. OES contracts with an emergency announcement calling service that will notify families of school delays and closures and other emergency’s. In order to receive these announcements, you must register with Honeywell Instant Alert. Learn more.

OES Food & Allergy Policy
In keeping with our Food and Allergy Policy, we have amended the title of our school program as “Allergy Aware.” While the title has changed, the practice of how we manage allergens in our dining halls and classrooms remains the same. Allergens will still be labeled in our dining halls, and special age-appropriate care and support will continue for all of our younger students. In collaboration with Bon Appetit, we will continue to ban nuts and nut products from all of our dining halls and classrooms.
I invite you to read through our policy: OES Food and Allergy Policy. Please contact OES Nurse, Elaine Elliott, with any questions or concerns (elliotte@oes.edu).

Dining Hall News
The OES dining hall has launched a new website, Cafe Bon Appetit. Now you can easily view the Weekly Menu. Do you want to keep up on what’s happening in the OES dining hall? Are you interested in the Bon Appetit story or how Bon Appetit stumbled into sustainability? Check us out on Facebook at Bon Appetit @ OES.

(NEW) OES AUCTION
Auction 101
Believe it or not, it’s auction planning time! Heading up the 30th
Annual OES Auction this year is Michelle Fitzhenry and Hilary O’Hollaren. The event theme this year is “Aardy Goes to Hollywood” so get ready to get your glamour on!

Please join us for an “Auction 101” informational meeting on Thursday, November 12th at 8:45 a.m. in the DVR Room.

During the meeting we will provide an overview of the auction, the planning process and all of the great volunteer opportunities. We will cover auction class projects for Beginning and Lower School as well as grade level baskets for Pre-K through 12th.

Auction Chair: Michelle Fitzhenry and Auction Co-Chair: Hilary O’Hollaren

COMING ATTRACTIONS

SATURDAY
MARCH 12
2016
AARDY LIGHTS CAMERA
GOES TO HOLLYWOOD AUCTION

The Thirtieth Annual Oregon Episcopal School Auction

(NEW) BOOK FAIR

FOESL BOOK FAIR Nov. 12-15 @ Annie Bloom’s
The Friends of the OES Libraries (FOESL) **Book Fair is coming up: Nov. 12-15 at Annie Bloom’s Books** in Multnomah Village. Shop at this amazing independent bookstore for all your personal reading needs or for the people on your gift list. Twenty percent of every purchase will go to FOESL to help support reading promotion and literacy development at OES and at Whitford Middle School through the AASK program.

As part of the Book Fair, our teachers and specialists have carefully compiled a wonderful list of fun and exciting books that they would love to add to their classrooms. Please browse the **OES 2015 Teacher’s Wish List** via this link and show your appreciation for our dedicated OES teachers by signing up to purchase a book. You will pay for wish list books during the Book Fair at Annie Bloom’s. The books you purchase will be delivered directly to the teacher’s classroom with a bookplate indicating it is a gift from you. The sign up for Teacher Wish List books will **close November 9th at noon**.

You can shop online at **Annie Bloom’s Books**, or consult the **Hot Picks** from the OES librarians and other members of the OES community.

To **volunteer** at the Fair, please click on this [link](#) and you will automatically be taken to the Book Fair’s Volunteerspot page, where you can choose from a list of shifts available during the Fair.

Get the 411 on the Fair at the [Book Fair homepage](#). Or contact FOESL chair **Jana Reddoch** (503-459-2576) if you have questions.

Thank you again for all your support and dedication to one of the most fun events at OES. We’ll see you at the Fair!

(NEW) **ADMISSIONS**

**Admissions – Early Application Deadline**

If you have a child ready to join the OES community in the 2016-17 school year - the application deadline is:

- Grades PK – 8: January 19
- Grades 9-12: January 28

We offer a **reduced application fee** of $50, if you **apply online** by **December 14**. You will use your parent portal password to log into the online application. View application forms on the [admissions website](#).

**Prospective Parent Information Receptions – open to the public**

If you know someone interested in exploring OES for their family, please invite them to attend one of our receptions for prospective parents.

- Monday, Nov 9, 6pm – Multnomah Athletic Club
- Tuesday, Dec 8, 6pm – Oswego Lake Country Club
Medea
Opening November 12th

“Of all creatures that can feel and think,
we women are the worst treated things alive.”

After being spurned by her husband Jason and Banished by Creon the King, Medea wrestles with rage and her own conscious as she plots her bloody revenge.

Directed by local acclaimed performer, actor and choreographer Emily Grace-Stone, her collaboratively-devised projects have been produced by Performance Works Northwest, Conduit, On the Boards, 10 Tiny Dances, defunkt theater and PICA’s TBA Festival. Emily holds a MFA in Interdisciplinary Arts with a focus in Experiential Education from Goddard College, her BA in Theater and Dance Performance from Lewis and Clark College, and currently works as Arts Integration Coach for The Right Brain.
Initiative in Portland, OR.

Tickets will be available on October 30th on our blog: http://oesgreenroom.blogspot.com/
And are limited to 2 per household to begin with. Show time is at 7PM sharp. Due to the content of the piece, it is **NOT** recommended for LS Students.

**(NEW) GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL FRIEND DAY**

Grandparents and special friends of OES students will be celebrated at a special event on **Tuesday, November 24**. They are invited to gather in the gymnasium for a continental breakfast and student musical performances at 8:00 a.m. After breakfast, Lower and Middle School guests may join their students in their classrooms. Upper School students will be having parent/teacher conferences, but grandparents and their students are invited to join Jordan Elliott, Head of Upper School, on a tour of the Upper School. An invitation was sent to those grandparents for whom the Development Office has addresses, but please contact grandparents or special friends who may not have received an invite, or have an invitation sent to them by providing their contact information [HERE](#).

Please [RSVP](#) by November 13th!

**(NEW) CAMPAIGN EVENTS**

**Lower School Campaign Community Events**


The development office is holding two events in November to all community members to come hear about the Lower School project. We’re transforming OES. Please join members of the OES community to learn about the new Lower School and how you can invest in the school’s vision for the future. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP at [www.oes.edu/rsvp](http://www.oes.edu/rsvp) or contact Leslee Gemmill at (503) 768-3179 or [campaign@oes.edu](mailto:campaign@oes.edu).

**Thursday, November 12, 2015**

8:00-9:30 am
As you reflect on your life do you feel a pull between your self that craves success and your self that seeks community? Has our culture made a shift to over-feeding virtues that would be listed on our resume versus virtues that would be described in our eulogies? How are we nurturing and building the character of our children?

Whether you've read the book or not, please join us at 8:00 am in the Platt Global Classroom on November 10th as we discuss David Brook's new book *The Road To Character* with our division heads.

Click here for a TED Talk by David Brooks.

**OES SERVICE LEARNING**

**CEREAL THURSDAYS!** This is a long-time Upper School tradition: helping to provide breakfast cereal for the kids at Community Transitional School for children experiencing homelessness.

Complete information about Service Learning in the Upper School is on the [US Service Learning website](#). Bookmark it and refer to it frequently!

What can parents do to help? Remind your child to stay alert and aware of what she or he needs to do, and support him or her in finding opportunities -- starting with the [SL Opportunities Page](#). Questions? Contact [Robin Schauffler](#), Service Learning Coordinator.

**By grade level, students should focus on different tasks this fall:**

**9th grade:** Work on the 20 exploratory OFF campus hours needed before January 2016, and look for ON campus opportunities. Any service-learning you have done over the summer--since finishing 8th grade--will count! Just fill out and turn in the [Service-Learning Hours Reporting Form](#) in Area 51.

**10th grade:** Finish those 20 OFF campus hours this semester (!!), look for ON campus opportunities, and be thinking about what to do for Service Learning Projects.

**11th grade:** Look for ON campus opportunities, and be thinking about what to do for Service Learning Projects; it is wise to complete at least one Project before June 2016 (and if the 20 OFF campus hours are not complete, see Robin NOW!)
12th grade: This is it. Do not put off your hours or your Projects. June 2016 is sooner than you think.

ALL STUDENTS: Get signatures and turn in all those forms for any work you’ve done that hasn’t been reported yet. Need help with all this? SEE ROBIN.

DISCOVERY

DISCOVERY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

WHAT IS DISCOVERY?

- A five-day, 40-hour apprenticeship or career exploration available to 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students at OES – to be completed outside of school or during the Winterim week
- A guided process through which you create your own program
- An opportunity to pursue special passions, interests, and curiosities
- A chance to experience the demands and structure of the “working world”

WHY SHOULD A STUDENT DO A DISCOVERY?

- To gain experience in how to find your place in the world
- To consider your own interests and the range of opportunities available outside of school
- To take responsibility for the demands of looking for and holding a job
- To enjoy a real-life experience that could change the way you think about your future
- To do something completely different for a week
- To add an interesting and worthwhile work experience to your resumé
- To have an opportunity to play an active role in an organization and to learn the things you are excited to learn

DISCOVERY PROCESS AND DEADLINES

- Meet with the Discovery Coordinators (Corbet Clark, Dana Mosher Lewis) about specific areas of interest
- Contact host organizations/mentors to coordinate the plan - first draft proposals due Wednesday, October 28
- Complete the Discovery Project Proposal - final draft proposal due Friday, November 13
- Complete the internship
- Submit a reflection and the host’s evaluation

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Do you have a career/trade that you would be willing to share with students as an option for Discovery? If so, please let us know!
Questions? Please contact Corbet Clark (clarkc@oes.edu) or Dana Mosher Lewis (lewisd@oes.edu)

JUNIOR PARENTS: GRAD PARTY

Junior parents, let’s “DREAM B16” [Dream Big] and put on a “B16” Grad Night Party for our Senior Class of 2016. In addition to working with a great group of parents, you will get a sneak peak into what your “soon to be senior” will enjoy at the very Top Secret Grad Night Party.

We need “B16” dreamers to help with decorations, gifts, food, communications, entertainment, organizing volunteers and more! Please consider sharing your talents, skills, imagination, and time. Interested? Contact 2016 Grad Party Co-Chairs, Nora Semonsen or Belinda Calabia.

WINTERIM 2016

International trips for Winterim 2016 were announced last June. The full catalogue will be announced prior to Thanksgiving break.

In 2016, Winterim will run March 17-24. These dates overlap with spring break for Portland Public Schools and most other schools in the area. We realize that the misalignment of school spring breaks may create a challenge for some families, so we are considering offering a few Winterim courses during OES’s spring break, and allowing the students who participate in those courses to take their spring break during the PPS spring break week. If you would like to have this option, please contact the director of Winterim, Christina Meyerhoff, so that we can accurately assess the need.

US YEARBOOK

There are several opportunities for seniors and their parents to contribute to the yearbook. Below is a description of these opportunities and their deadlines. We need to submit our pages to the publisher at certain intervals, so these deadlines are not flexible! Please let us know if you have any questions.

US Yearbook Senior Deadlines:

1. MUG SHOTS: December 4, 2015
2. SENIOR PAGES: January 14, 2016
3. BABY PICTURES: March 4, 2016
4. PARENT ADS: March 16, 2016

MUG SHOTS: Sometimes students submit a studio photo to be used in place of their school photo for the yearbook. This is not required. Sending a digital photo to me is the easiest way to submit an image, or we will scan the photo and return it to the student. Deadline – December 4, 2015.

SENIOR PHOTO GUIDELINES
Head and shoulders only
Print size – 3”X 3”
For more info, contact Sue Jensen, US Arts Faculty & Advisor to Yearbook

COLLEGE COUNSELING

(NEW) College Financial Aid Night
There will be a financial aid presentation for parents on Monday, November 16 at 7:00 pm in the Great Hall. All parents are invited to this presentation on need- and merit-based financial aid with Anastacia Dillon, Director of Financial Aid, Lewis and Clark College and Paula Sutton, Director of College Counseling, OES.

College Visits at OES
College visits are almost over. Many colleges visited OES this fall to meet with interested students. We encourage juniors and seniors to keep a close eye on the college visit schedule in Naviance (juniors will learn how to access and use Naviance during the retreat the first week of school). The schedule will be posted on bulletin boards in the Library and Great Hall and on the OES website (college counseling page). We will do our best to send juniors and seniors an email each week with the schedule for the upcoming two weeks. However, Naviance is the source of the most up-to-date schedule and will change throughout the fall as visits are added. Students are encouraged to sign up for visits on Naviance, which results in an automatic email reminder close to the date of the visit.

SAT/ACT Tests
Seniors, please note the following test dates and registration deadlines. Enter the school code when you register (380915) and if you are taking the ACT, it is important to include the optional writing test. There is a late registration deadline for each test date that requires an additional fee. See the testing websites for additional information.

SAT/ACT Dates and (Registration Deadline):
SAT Testing
- November 7 (10/9, late 10/27)
- December 5 (11/5, late 11/23)

ACT testing
- December 12 (11/6, late 11/20)

CLASS NOTES

- 9th Grade PAL – Next meeting is on November 6th, 8:00am, Drinkward Volunteer Room. Questions? Contact Rico McIver.
  - Upcoming meetings: 1/8, 2/8*, 4/8, 5/6. February meeting will be combined with 10th grade.
  - Many thanks for the delicious treats you all provided for the US Comment Reading (on 11/2)!!
10th Grade PAL – Next meeting is on November 9th, 8:00am, Drinkward Volunteer Room. Questions? Contact Jana Reddoch.
   ▶ Upcoming meetings: 1/11, 2/8*, 4/11, 5/9. February meeting will be combined with 9th grade.

11th Grade PAL – Next meeting: November 16, 8:00am, Drinkward Volunteer Room. Questions? Contact Holly Hady.
   ▶ Upcoming meetings: 1/19, 2/22, 4/18, 5/16.

12th Grade PAL – Next meeting: November 30, 8:00am, Drinkward Volunteer Room. Questions? Contact Kay Pinkava.

PAL meeting Calendar (all grades)